

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of
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For: Treatment Method For Preservation Of Plant Leaves

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

After assigning a serial number to the above-captioned application and before calculating the fee, kindly undertake the following changes:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute the amended Claims 3-6 for the original Claims 3-6 as follows:

3. (Amended) A treatment method for preservation of plant leaves, according to claim 1, wherein the coloring matter is a food dye.

4. (Amended) A treatment method for preservation of plant leaves, according to claim 2, wherein the green coloring matter is Alizarine Cyanine Green F.

5. (Amended) A treatment method for preservation of plant leaves, according to claim 2, wherein the blue coloring matter is Acid blue 80 (Aldrich).

6. (Amended) A treatment method for preservation of plant leaves, according to claim 2, wherein the yellow coloring matter is Tartrazine.

Kindly add new Claims 7-10 as follows:

7. A treatment method for preservation of plant leaves, according to claim 2, wherein the coloring matter is a food dye.

8. A treatment method for preservation of plant leaves, according to claim 3, wherein the green coloring matter is Alizarine Cyanine Green F.

9. A treatment method for preservation of plant leaves, according to claim 3, wherein the blue coloring matter is Acid blue 80 (Aldrich).

10. A treatment method for preservation of plant leaves, according to claim 3, wherein the yellow coloring matter is Tartrazine.

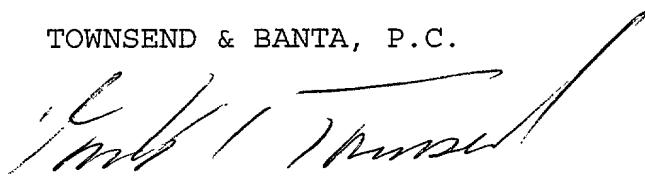
REMARKS

Claims 3-6 have been amended and new claims 7-10 presented to eliminate multiple dependencies. Support for each of the newly added claims can be found in original claims 3-6. The present amendment is deemed not to add new matter. Claims 1-10 are in the application.

It is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for examination on the merits and early action and allowance thereof is accordingly respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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MARKED-UP VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIMS 3-6

3. (Amended) A treatment method for preservation of plant leaves, according to claim 1 [or 2], wherein the coloring matter is a food dye.

4. (Amended) A treatment method for preservation of plant leaves, according to claim 2 [or 3], wherein the green coloring matter is Alizarine Cyanine Green F.

5. (Amended) A treatment method for preservation of plant leaves, according to claim 2 [or 3], wherein the blue coloring matter is Acid blue 80 (Aldrich).

6. (Amended) A treatment method for preservation of plant leaves, according to claim 2 [or 3], wherein the yellow coloring matter is Tartrazine.